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Palmyra Island, Kingman Reef, Johnston Island, Sand Island,  
Midway Islands

1. Recent decision of the NIS Committee (refer Item 5 NCM 286) to discontinue NIS production on NIS 98 (Hawaiian Islands) poses a question as to disposition of the subject islands. They are part of the NIS Area but are not included in the Hawaiian Statehood Act.

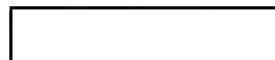
2. Since Palmyra Island and Kingman Reef are essentially a continuation of the Line Islands included in NIS 103, it seems advisable to include them in this area.

3. Johnston Island, Sand Island, and the Midway Islands, however, are situated between the new State of Hawaii and the U.S. Trust Territory (NIS 101) to the west, and it would seem preferable in view of their location to include these three islands in that area.

4. I would appreciate your informal views on this matter before proposing it formally to the NIS Committee.

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